



FORESTRY CONTEST

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

When and Where

May 13, 2010
The Delay Farm
Careywood
8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Barbecue lunch provided

Welcome to the 28th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest!

Please fill out the attached pre-registration form and mail it to Karen Robinson at the IDL office by April 16th. Coaches and teachers making arrangements for travel should allow enough time for your group to enjoy the post-contest lunch and awards ceremony, which is usually over by 2:00. **Pre-registration** is mandatory.

All coaches check in at the registration tables upon arrival up at the meadow to complete the final registration form.

Jr./Sr. Team and/or Individual Competition

All teams will consist of four members. All scores will be figured into the team's total. Everyone will also be scored individually. **You do not have to be on a team to compete at the contest.** Anyone in grades 7 - 12 may compete as an individual. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners in both Junior (grades 7-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) divisions.

To prepare for the contest, study the Forestry Contest Manual, the "Regional Noxious Weeds" booklet, and "Logging Selectively." The Manual is online at the websites below, and if you need either of the 2 booklets, call Linda at 208-263-5310.

Rookie Competition for 6th Graders

This will be the 3rd year for the Rookie Division for highly skilled 6th graders. These competitors study the same Manual, but are tested only in 4 areas, and against other 6th graders. The areas are: Map & Compass, Scaling, Cruising, and Tree & Plant ID.

Prepare for All Test Stations

Timber Cruising; Plant ID; Compass and Pacing; Map Reading; Silviculture; Tool ID; Tree Health; Soil and Water Quality; Noxious Weeds, and Scaling are all possible test stations for the 2010 contest. If you need help preparing for any of these topics, contact your local Idaho Department of Lands, Cooperative Extension Service, or Natural Resources Conservation Service office. If you are unsure who to call in your area, leave a message for Karen at the IDL Office, which is 263-5104.

Forestry Contest Manual

The Forestry Contest Manual is posted online at www.northidahoswcds.org - under Common Links, and on the IDL website, www.idl.idaho.gov - under Hot Topics.

Idaho Dept. of Lands
208-263-5104

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1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101 ~ Sandpoint, ID 83864
208-263-5310

U.S. Forest Service
208-263-5111

Mandatory Registration

For planning purposes, it is very important to register for this event. The enclosed registration forms must be returned to Karen Robinson at the IDL office in Sandpoint by April 16. If you need a form, please contact Linda at 208-263-5310, or they may be downloaded off the website at www.northidahoswcds.org. Coaches, please update us if your registration changes.

Location of Registration and Group Picture

Everything takes place up at the meadow, including registration. All buses and vehicles will park in the designated areas just past the railroad tracks, and everyone needs to take whatever they require for the day with them and walk up the hill (allow 20-30 minutes to walk to the meadow). Registration is from 8:00 – 8:50. At 9:00 we will direct all the contestants and coaches to gather for a group picture, and then announcements will begin at 9:10. Competition begins at 9:30.

Tree & Plant ID Requirement

In order to stay current and accurate with the forestry profession, the Tree and Plant ID section will require the scientific name to be identified along with the common name. Page 4.1 lists both names.

Team & Individual Participation

- All Teams will consist of four people. All scores will be figured into the team's total. Test forms turned in without a name or sticker label will receive a zero.
- Participants do not have to be on a team in order to compete at the contest. Anyone in grades 6 - 12 may compete as an individual. Participants will be scored as an individual **and** as a member of a team if they are part of a team. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners.

Be Prepared for any Weather!

As you all know, the spring weather in northern Idaho can be very unpredictable - remember last year ☺!. Please encourage participants to bring warm clothes, comfortable shoes or boots, raingear or a black garbage bag, water bottles, two sharp pencils, and clipboards if you have them. If the weather is nice, the warm clothes or raincoats can always be left in the vehicles. **Lunch is provided.**

THANK YOU

We have just started to receive donations - thanks to the following agencies and individuals for their generous contributions this year:

- Inland Forest Management
- Co-op Country Store
- Christmas Hills – Mr. and Mrs. Al Farnsworth
- Bonner County Farm Bureau
- Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
- Idaho District Employees Association
- Stewart Family Trust
- 4 Conservation Districts: Boundary, Elmore, Gooding, Madison

Last year it cost around \$6,500 to host the Forestry Contest. Please send your donation by the end of March so we may put your industry, agency, or individual name on our large banner and in the media releases.

***THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
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